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SUBJECT : BANGLADESH SHIPPING CORPORATION TO BEGIN
LINER SERVICE TO US EAST COAST

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1. SUMMARY. REAR ADMIRAL M.H. KHAN, BDG ADVISOR RESPONS-
BLE FOR SHIPPING; AND LEADER BDG DELEGATION TO UN LAW OF THE
SEA CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK, PLANS TO DISCUSS WITH US SHIPPERS
ENTRY OF BANGLADESH SHIPPING TRADE. ADMIRAL KHAN AND/OR BSC
OFFICIALS ACCOMPANYING HIM MAY VISIT WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS
MATTER AND FILE RATES WITH FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION. END
SUMMARY.

2. BANGLADESH SHIPPING CORPORATION (BSC) IS GOVERNMENT-
OWNED COMPANY WITH SIXTEEN GENERAL CARGO VESSELS RANGING
FROM 5,000 TO 16,000 TONS. CAPTAIN RAHMAN, MANAGER, BSC,
SIDDIQUR RAHMAN, ADDITIONAL SECRETARY (PORTS AND SHIPPING)
IN MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS, AND SYED, A MARKETING OF-
FICIAL OF THE BANGLADESH JUTE INDUSTRIES CORPORATION, ARE
ALL ACCOMPANYING ADMIRAL M.H. KHAN, WHO IS LEADING BDG
DELEGATION TO UN LAW OF SEA CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK. MAIN
PURPOSE OF US VISIT OF BDG SHIPPING OFFICIALS IS TO AR-
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RANGE FOR BSC SHIPPING SERVICES BETWEEN BANGLADESH AND
US EAST COAST.

3. BSC COMMERCIAL MANAGER HAS CONFIRMED BSC DECISION
TO BEGIN SUCH LINER SERVICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

4. QUESTION OF BSC PARTICIPATION IN CALCUTTA, EAST COAST

INDIA, BANGLADESH-USA CONFERENCE HAS BEEN DISCUSSED IN DACCA WITH AGENTS/REPRESENTATIVES OF SIX SHIPPING COMPANIES, MEMBERS OF THAT CONFERENCE (INCLUDING WATERMAN STEAMSHIP CORPORATION AND AMERICAN EXPORT LINES). NO AGREEMENT OR TERMS OF BSC ENTRY INTO CONFERENCE HAS YET BEEN REACHED. (WE PLAN REPORT FURTHER ON THIS BY AIRGRAM.) WE UNDERSTAND FROM WATERMAN REP HERE THAT BDG OFFICIALS PLAN FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH CONFERENCE OFFICIALS

AND US SHIPPING COMPANY OFFICERS IN NEW YORK (O/A MAY 23-26) AND THAT BDG OFFICIALS WILL VISIT WASHINGTON, D.C. TO DISCUSS PROPOSED LINER SERVICE AND TO FILE RATES WITH FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION.

5. IF BDG OFFICIALS DO DISCUSS THIS ISSUE IN WASHINGTON OR ACTUALLY FILE RATES WITH FMC, PLEASE ADVISE. SPECIFICALLY, HOW MUCH LEAD TIME IS REQUIRED FOR FILING RATES BEFORE SERVICE MAY BEGIN?

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